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...and read your Bible daily



WEEKLY SERMONETTE

By Jack J. Kersenbrock, United Parish of Lenora

"The Kingdom of dedicated Christian life is the result.

Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he had and buys the field." (Matthew 13:14)

In this parable, Jesus is talking about the value a person ought to place on the kingdom of heaven. It is more valuable than anything else in life. It is faith now and eternal life after death.

The appropriate value of the kingdom ought to mean that a person is willing to sacrifice—the kingdom becomes a reality in one's life. This means dedication to God, following the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Accepting God's kingdom means a person measures one's thoughts and actions by the reality of God's kingdom. A

Sweep It Away



Housecleaning may not be fun for many of us, but it can be therapeutic. When we whisk away dust and cobwebs... sweeping them out the door... we can begin afresh, at least for a day. If we sweep dirt under the rug, it's still there, even if no one else knows.

In Psalm 51:10, David cries out, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." He knew his spirit was soiled. He wished to begin afresh. Each day there are events that concern us, situations we would like to have handled differently. Don't harbor these concerns, causing worry and sadness. Sweep them away!

Refresh your spirit with regular prayer and meditation, and visit God's house each week to learn more about His cleansing forgiveness and abiding love.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
John 13:1-20	John 13:21-35	John 21:15-25	Romans 1:1-17	Romans 8:31-39	Romans 12:1-21	Romans 13:8-14

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NORCATUR NEWS

By NORCATUR NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS

Lula Hix underwent cataract surgery in Hays on Feb. 8 and it was a complete success. Her daughter, Linda Young of Conifer, Colo., and Bee Nelson took her to Hays. Linda Young visited her aunt and uncle, Arlene and Francis Hix, on Feb. 10. Bee Nelson joined Lula Hix and Linda Young for a pizza supper on Friday evening. Mrs. Young returned home on Feb. 11.

LaVerne Milner, Bee Nelson, Lula Hix and Dorothy Ward attended the program by the Hi-Plains Harmony Chorus and the Tumbleweed Chorus at Norton on Feb. 5. Carol Moye took Sheryl Patterson and Veda Wood to the performance, and they also visited Veda's daughter, Sandy McNames, who sings with the Sweet Adelines. The program was sponsored by the Norton Arts Council.

The Barber Shoppers also had a quartet, "The Lasting Impressions," of which Bruce Bandy, formerly of Norcat, was a member.

Leone Billings celebrated her 103rd birthday on Nov. 19, with a party at the Little Chico Creek assisted living facility in Chico, Calif. Leone was married to Marvin "Lynx" Billings, formerly of rural Norcat.

Her siblings were the late Robert Mapes, Art Mapes, Marguerite Temple and Pete Mapes. Her sister-in-law, Fern Mapes, lives in Oberlin. Her sister-in-law, Bertha Harmon, and brother-in-law, Ralph Billings, were well-known Norcaturites. Her nieces and nephews are Leone Purton, Oberlin; Robert Mapes Jr., Norton; Mary Lee Aguilar, Las Cruces, N. M.; Ronald Temple, Norcat; Don Temple, Carson City, Nev.; Donna Warren, Oberlin; Jon Mapes, Boulder Creek, Calif.; James Mapes, Livermore, Calif.; Walter Mapes, Redding, Calif.; Kathleen Mapes, Anderson, Calif.; Charlotte Frances, Chico; Peter Mapes, Anchorage, Alaska; and Cadet Harmon.

Lora Linn Leichter is still hospitalized in Burlington, Colo. Mail will reach her c/o Rodney Leichter, Box 294, Seibert, Colo., 80834.

On Feb. 11, Veda Wood attended the Seeds of Hope Telethon at The Gateway in Oberlin to watch the "New Harvesters" sing. This group was started by Ron Temple and includes Jim and

Carolyn Plotts, Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson and daughter, Dwight and Teresa Wood, and Anita Hirsch. The groups pianist and cowboy poet Ila and Bob Virgil, were unable to make the show. She also visited Carol and John Moye, Tielia Slater, Aubrey and Grant, and Adrienne Vacura and friend.

Wayne and Norma McCallister had beef stew and corn bread with Bee Nelson last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to El Dorado on Feb. 3 to visit their daughter, Justine Miller, and finance, Casey Tuttle of Salina. They all attended the basketball game between Butler County and Cloud County community colleges hoping to see Egan Grafel, of Oberlin, play, but he was on the injured list.

On Feb. 5, Stan and Carol Miller went to Emporia, picked up their son, Joel Miller, and took him to Topeka to visit his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Carol's sister, Peggy Mast. They all watched the Super Bowl and visited with Curt's folks, Bob and Becky DeDonder. On Monday Joel had an appointment with his doctor in Topeka. On Tuesday they visited Carol's brother, Jerry Rule, in Emporia and took Joel to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Tuttle and Drew of Quinter and Justine Miller and Casey Tuttle joined Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller for supper at Momma Millie's on Feb. 11.

Bev Morris was an overnight guest of the Stan Millers on Saturday night, Feb. 11.

Dorothy Ward and Marguerite Clark visited Velda Ward at the Decatur County Hospital on Feb. 13. Frank Ward has been transferred to Kearney where he is responding to treatment. They also talked with Lowell Sebaugh, who was visiting with Donald Stapp in the activity room at Cedar Living Center.

Birthdays: Judy Jackson, Leona Schoenrath - Feb. 16; Russell James - Feb. 17; Arlene Hix, Darren Wentz, Feb. 20.

MUSEUM TIDBITS

The Norcat Museum is a great asset to the community. It is open from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. If you want to visit on a weekend, call Chris Dempewolf, (785) 693-4461, to set up a time. The address is Norcat Museum, Box 89, Norcat, Kan., 67653.

NORTON MANOR

By DORIS MIZELL

On Feb. 4 luncheon guests of Doris Mizell were Roger and Carolyn Linsenmeyer, Beatrice, Neb.; Roberta and Dennis McAllister, Clayton; Marlin and Connie Lillich, Atwood; Patty Foster, Jennings; and Lester Mizell. After lunch Ivalde and Gus Munsinger, Hays, joined the group. They attended the 60th Anniversary of Doyle and Arlene Foss at the United Methodist Church in the afternoon. Sunday evening Diana Greving visited Mary Keith and took dinner with her.

Last Tuesday the Silver and Gold met at the Manor with a covered dish dinner. There were 19 present. The hosts were Sylvia and Ron Scheimo. The tables were decorated with valentines and they had several valentine games for us to play.

Arnold Jackson attended a birthday dinner Saturday evening at the home of Makala for Sharon

Schulze. Saturday evening Cher Greving picked up Mary Keith and they went to Colby to watch Mary's great-granddaughter play basketball here with Norton. Later they all went to the Pizza Hut for dinner.

Last Thursday Doris Mizell entertained the L.D. Club at her apartment. Those present were Norma Ward, Merrice Brooks, Janice Clark and Estella Harold.

On Thursday, Missy Bowen came from Hays to see her grandma, Georgia O'Neill. That evening Deb Bowen took Missy and Georgia out to eat.

Linda and Ed Keith stopped to visit Mary Keith on Wednesday.

Doris Mizell received an E-mail from her grandson who has been in Iraq that he would be going this week back to join his family in Germany where he has been stationed for several years. This is David Mizell, Lester's son.

LYLE NEWS

By DEANNA SUMNER

Monday, Feb. 13, Toots Magers and Kathy Van Meter played pinochle with the residents at the Good Samaritan Home in Oberlin.

Tuesday the Lyle ladies sewed. Wednesday Liberty Star Club met in Norcat at the Cardinal Bar and Grill. Members present were: Hostess, Carolyn Plotts, Veda Wood, Kathy Van Meter, Deanna Sumner, Cathy Anthony and Toots Magers.

Thursday, Rhonda Jolly es-

corted June Jolly, Kathy, Toots and Veda to the pancake appreciation supper at the Lebanon American Legion. That evening Kathy, Veda and Toots took June out for her birthday dinner at the Cardinal Bar and Grill in Norcat.

Sunday evening Kathy and Toots played party pitch in Norton.

There is a card shower for Bill and Pat Schwab for their 50th wedding anniversary. Cards may be sent to Rt. 1 Box 32, Norcat, Kan. 67653.



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